

Certification Requirements for the Importation of Pet Food into Barbados from the United States

The following certification statements, as applicable, should be placed on VS Form 16-4 for pet food being exported to Barbados:

1. The certified pet food products described herein are unlikely to disseminate agents of infectious diseases of domestic animals or man.*
2. For dry pet food, the meal is processed in a continuous cooking extruder for approximately 60 seconds, reaching approximately 120 degrees Centigrade for approximately 10 seconds of this process. Air temperatures of 125 degrees Centigrade then dry the kibble for 10 minutes. **Tallow used in this product has a maximum level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% in weight.** **
3. For canned pet food, the product has been treated in a hermetically sealed container with an F_0 value of 3.0 or more. The production process has been tested with satisfactory results. ***
4. All products have been packaged in new packaging and used or recycled packaging has not been used.
5. **All protein of ruminant origin (except dairy****) contained in the product(s) originated from meat or meat product imported from New Zealand, or Australia. No other ingredients of ruminant origin (except dairy and protein-free tallow as listed above) were used in the manufacture of the product(s).**
6. **Dairy ingredients contained in the product have been exposed to a temperature/time equivalent to an F_0 value of 3.0 or more.******

*This certification statement must be made by APHIS. The remaining certification statements are to be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit from the manufacturer.

**Lab results must be produced verifying that the tallow used as a pet food ingredient meets this requirement.

***Documentation of testing (incubation test) should be provided.

****Statement #5 should only include the language "except dairy" if dairy ingredients have been incorporated into the product. If dairy ingredients are used, Statement #6 must be added. NOTE: We are still seeking clarification from Barbados regarding the incorporation of dairy ingredients in dry pet food.